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Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for response to the examiner's action mailed on April 23, 2002 be extended for a period of three (3) months, from July 23, 2002 to and including October 23, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$920.00. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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